

## **SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM SUPPORTING NEW MINOR EDUCATION IN NUCLEAR ENGINEERING AT THE UNIVERSITY OF UTAH**

### **Executive Summary:**

The Utah Nuclear Engineering Program (UNEP) is applying for a two-year scholarship grant, with the goal to develop for the first time, a scholarship program for undergraduate students interested in nuclear engineering at the University of Utah. These scholarships will be awarded to students who are enrolled with the Minor in Nuclear Engineering. The scholarship program will be structured to enhance recruitment and retention strategies, and support the monitor & mentor practices at the UNEP regarding incoming undergraduate students of high academic ability and performance. The objectives of this scholarship program are to contribute in preparing the outstanding graduates to become career professionals and leaders in the nuclear sector and government regulatory agencies. Additionally, support of a scholarship program at the University of Utah will provide an incentive to increase and improve the number and quality of undergraduate students entering nuclear engineering program and thus create the opportunities for their career success and leadership roles within the nuclear sector. Our goal is to recruit and retain outstanding students from different engineering and science programs at the University of Utah signed for the Minor in Nuclear Engineering with consideration given to financial need and the goal of promoting the participation of minorities, women, and persons with disabilities. The Minor in Nuclear Engineering has been established in summer of 2010 and is the only undergraduate degree in nuclear engineering in the State of Utah.

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